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## **REMARKS**

Prior to examination, please enter the above amendment. Claims 1-90 were previously pending in this application. By this amendment, claim 34 is being amended, and claims 11, 13, 17-19, 21, 22, 26, 28, 31-33, 36, 37, 39-43 and 45-90 are being cancelled. No new claims are being added. As a result, claims 1-10, 12, 14-16, 20, 23-25, 27, 29, 30, 34, 35, 38 and 44 are pending, with claims 1, 34, 35, 38 and 44 being independent claims. No new matter has been added. In view of the above amendment, the pending application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

## **CONCLUSION**

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if this communication does not place the case in condition for allowance.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, any necessary extension of time is hereby requested. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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